

of our village Council. The chairman for the evening was a young man from the Citizenship Committee, who conducted the opening exercises, consisting of hymn, prayer and Scripture lesson.

The village Council was then organized with their places at the front of the church. The Citizenship Vice-President, acting as Reeve, sat at the head of the table. Around the table were the four Corporation members, the Village Clerk, with the Treasurer and Constable close at hand (all members of the Citizenship Committee). The minutes of the Clerk's minutes will show the business brought before the Council meeting.

The minutes of last Council meeting were read and on motion confirmed. Communications were read by the Reeve as follows:

"From W. M., applying for the snow-ploughing on the sidewalks of the village."
"From the Women's Institute asking the Council to co-operate with them for the destruction of weeds and in beautifying of the streets, homes and lawns, and in the general scenic improvement of our beautiful village."

"From R. T., complaining that his neighbor's dog keeps his family awake all night by barking under his window. What will the Council do about it?"

"From Miss D., asking for a sidewalk to the station."

A. A. deputation of citizens headed by the pastor of the Methodist church, who acted as spokesman, was heard. The deputation claimed that as Local Council in a by-law of the village and a child of the village Council, it is the duty of the Council to use its influence to the best in enforcing of the by-law the same as any other by-law. The Council was asked to make this work a part of the duties of the Constable according to the provisions of the Liquor Act.

Each of these and other questions were dealt with and decided by vote of the Council, each upon its merits. Some very interesting and amusing facts were given. The programme was eagerly followed by about fifty who were present, and was pronounced a great success."

The report given herewith was written by a young lady of the Bethel League, Lindsay District, and helps to answer the oft-repeated question as to how to interest the young men:

"Our boys were indifferent and would not take an active part in the meetings. In preparing our programme we arranged for a 'Boy's Night.' It was in the future and we had the feeling that it would be a blank night. However, when the time came they showed us that they could not only work in League, but that they could manage a whole meeting, and they did. They themselves occupied the middle portion of the building, and the young ladies were ushered to the side seats. They had their own choir and furnished good music. The opening exercises were as usual. Then came several ten-minute talks on 'Boys.' Next one of the men discussed the topic. The novelty of seeing one of the boys at the organ and the young men doing everything made it seem like a dream to the young women. Then came the social part. Here a dozen young men passed the sandwiches and tea, which they had prepared wholly with their own hands. The ice was broken, and at the annual meeting, which came soon after, we elected one of the boys an organist. He proved to be very faithful, and before long we had others at work. Go and do likewise."

do untold good to the young men who are desirous of facing and solving the problems involved in highest, purest and noblest manhood.

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